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PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL

REF: MAPUTO 450

REGRET FOLLOWING CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OMITTED FROM REFTEL:

QUOTE 15. COMMENT: THINKING BACK ON MEETING, IT DIFFICULT
FOR ME TO DISCERN WHY PRESIDENT WANTED TO SEE ME. BEFORE
DEPARTING, I HANDED HIM LETTER FROM SENATOR KENNEDY, BUT PRESI-
DENT DID NOT BOTHER TO OPEN IT, NOR DID HE DO MORE THAN PER-
FUNCTORILY EXPRESS REGRET HE UNABLE MEET WITH STAFFDEL. IT

CONCEIVABLEPRESIDENT WANTED TO DISCUSS AID AND WOULD HAVE
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RAISED SUBJECT IF I NOT DONE SO, BUT I CANNOT BE SURE. HE

CERTAINLY APPEARED BE INTERESTED IN MY EXPLANATION OF WHAT USG MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE. HOWEVER, IF I HAD TO GUESS WHY HE REQUESTED MEETING IT WOULD BE THAT HE WANTED TO SEE IF I WOULD OPEN UP ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AFRICA. WHEN I HANDED HIM TEXT OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE HE READ IT OVER TWICE, AND WAS QUICK TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS AT NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY. HE ALSO APPEARED BE GENUINELY SORRY HIS TRAVEL COMMITMENTS PRECLUDED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING IN NAIROBI. BUT THIS IS AT BEST SPECULATION. WHATEVER THE REASON, I BELIEVE HE FOUND DISCUSSION HELPFUL AND MAY BE RECEPTIVE TO FOLLOW-ON MEETINGS IN FUTURE.
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